

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 9th 2024**

Question

“Will the Minister advise what budget, if any, has been allocated for improvements to the existing Les Quennevais skatepark facility, and whether he plans to use any of this budget to provide better educational signage regarding the use of helmets at this park and at other skateparks in the Island?”

Answer

In 2024, £310k was allocated for capital improvements to the Pavilion, covering enhancements to welfare facilities and floodlight installations. Additionally, a revenue budget of £9,500 is in place for the facility's operational needs.

The British Standard BS EN 14974 outlines safety guidelines for skatepark facilities and provides guidance on signage and information for users. Clause 11(e) of this standard states that clear and visible signage is installed informing users that the “use of appropriate protective equipment (e.g. helmet, knee pads, elbow pads etc) is recommended”.

The Les Quennevais Skatepark signage goes beyond this and states that we strongly recommend the use of protection such as helmets, wrist guards etc.

As you know, the skatepark is not supervised so as operators we are unable to enforce the wearing of helmets, but it's important to note that the majority of users choose to wear helmets.

The signage at Les Quennevais Skatepark was created in collaboration and with input from the JSA (Jersey Skateparks Association).